(b) if so, the details of steps Government propose to take to establish storage facilities for onions in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) and (b) Facility for extending shelf life of onions for 5-6 months exists. As per the estimates 16.50 lakh MT capacity ventilated storages are available. The Government of India through National Horticulture Board (NHB) is implementing a scheme "Capital Investment Subsidy Scheme for Construction/Expansion/ Modernisation of Cold Storage and Storages for Horticulture Produce". Under the scheme, back-ended capital investment subsidy is provided @ 25% of the project cost subject to a maximum subsidy of Rs. 500/- per MT for onion storages. The Government has also sanctioned a pilot project for the cold storage of onions at a total cost of Rs. 2.50 crores. Besides, National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC), National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) and National Horticultural Research and Development Foundation (NHRDF) are also promoting the storage of onions by providing technical and financial assistance.

Doubling the foodgrains production

2361. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have drawn up an ambitious plan to double the foodgrains production in ten years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what are the crops indentified under the scheme; and

(d) the subsidies and other fiscal incentives proposed under the scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) No, Sir.There is no proposal to double the foodgrains production in ten years.

(b) to (d) Questions do not arise.